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Board of Equalization Continues to Give Taxpayers Convenient Options While on the Go

Michelle Steel, Vice Chair of the State Board of Equalization, today announced the creation of a new mobile web app to enable taxpayers to conveniently get up-to-date information on BOE services.

The new mobile web app is accessible from the BOE website at www.boe.ca.gov and will enable taxpayers to find their tax rate using their phone's gps system or by searching for a city or county. Additionally, the BOE has provided a link to www.geotax.com which hosts an application that will enable taxpayers to find their sales tax rate based on an address. This enables taxpayers and consumers to find the tax rate for any address in the state.

BOE previously released two apps tailored for mobile devices such as smart phones and an iPhone app. By clicking on the [cell phone icon](#), mobile users can also find a BOE district office or validate an account number.

To help taxpayers connect with individual Board Members, the BOE has enabled Californians to easily find their representative through the [BOE website](#) by simply typing in their address. They will be able to find the closest constituent office, information on how to contact the Board Member, access the Board Member's website for the latest information in the district, and find a BOE field office.

BOE hopes to continue to expand options for taxpayers to easily and conveniently obtain useful information from their mobile devices and from the convenience of the web.

Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006 and re-elected in 2010, Michelle Steel serves as *Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate*. In December 2007, Steel discovered the Board of Equalization had delayed the return of millions of dollars in security deposits owed to California businesses. Procedures were changed due to Steel's decisive leadership. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$48 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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